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CHARACTER TRAITS

Instruction: Write an X next to the correct answer. (2pts each)

Question 1

Which is the best example of a character trait?

- _____ a favorite pet
- _____ a math teacher
- _____ the people in a story
- _____ independent and bold

Question 2

Which of the following is NOT a character in this story?

- _____ Margo
- _____ the birds
- _____ Margo's grandfather
- _____ the squirrel

Margo watched the birds at the birdfeeder. Suddenly, a bushy-tailed squirrel appeared. In a flash, it was eating birdseed. Margo rushed to the door, clapped her hands, and yelled, "Get out of here!" It looked directly at her and kept eating. Margo ran outside and scared the squirrel away.

When Margo went back in the house, the squirrel returned. Again she rushed out and chased it away. They played the game for an hour. Every time she went outside, the squirrel chattered and fussed at her.

Finally, the phone rang interrupting the game. "Hello, Margo. This is Grandpa. How do you like the birdfeeder?"

Question 3

Which of the following is NOT a character trait of the squirrel in the previous story?

- _____ persistent
- _____ friendly
- _____ hungry
- _____ fussy

Question 4

From the passage, readers can tell that Lisa—

- _____ thinks only about herself
- _____ is in a track meet next month
- _____ has a bad temper
- _____ cares about Aaron's well-being

Lisa loved running, and today was going to be perfect weather for it, too. When she got to the park, she saw Aaron, her running partner. He was slouched over on a bench, looking miserable. "I sprained my ankle yesterday," he said moodily.

Lisa looked concerned. "Does that mean you can't run in Saturday's track meet? That's terrible, Aaron. You've been training for so long!"

Aaron sulked some more. "The doctor said it'll be at least ten days before I can run again."

"Well, you'll still come and cheer me on, right?" Lisa asked hopefully.

"Oh, I'll be there all right," Aaron suddenly sat up straight, looking more determined than he had moments earlier. "I'm the only person who can keep myself from running in Saturday's meet, and I'm going to be in that race," he insisted.

"What about your doctor's—"

"What about her?" Aaron interrupted. "I'll stay off my feet and ice my ankle for two days. I'll be just *fine* by Saturday."

Question 5

Which of the following words best describe Aaron's character traits in the previous passage?

- _____ determined and irresponsible
- _____ patient and enthusiastic
- _____ caring and content
- _____ competitive and responsible